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Environment Department to Conduct Pollution Prevention Workshop for Mexican Maquiladoras

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Pollution Prevention (P2) program will be participating in three-month series of workshops hosted by the Association of Maquiladoras (AMAC) in Juarez, Mexico. The P2 Program will instruct participants on NMED's Green Zia Tools for Environmental Management and will highlight the benefits of developing a comprehensive waste management plan.

NMED's P2 workshop is scheduled for June 30 and will run from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The goal of the workshop is to teach pollution prevention techniques and increase by half the number of industries along the border region implementing voluntary environmental management programs.

"Under Governor Richardson, New Mexico has been a leader in addressing border health issues," NMED Secretary Ron Curry said. "There are growing environmental and environmental health issues that need to be addressed to preserve water and air quality that affect both sides of the border."

The workshop and training are part of AMAC's efforts to expand its services to maquiladora members and provide participants with diplomas in Environmental Management. Partners include Border Environment Cooperation (BECC), Universidad Autonoma de Chihuahua, the Mexican Federal Ministry for Environmental Protection (PROFEPA) and the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality.

The workshop series is also part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Border 2012 program, which aims to protect human health and the environment while creating sustainable development along the U.S.-Mexico border region.

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